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REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Reconsideration and allowance of the above identified application is respectfully requested in light of the above amendment and the following remarks.

The §112 Rejection

In the Official Action, Claims 1-13 were rejected as being indefinite by reason of the phrase "radially operative" in lines 8-9 of Claim 1. In response, the phrase has been changed to "radially acting", which corresponds to the phrase as it was used in the cited prior patent to Kudrus, No. 6,713,919, note for example the Abstract of the patent. It is accordingly submitted that the meaning of the phrase "radially acting" would be well understood by one skilled in the art, and that this rejection has been overcome. The specification has also been amended to provide a clear antecedent for the phrase.

The §102 Rejection

Claim 1 was rejected as being anticipated by Kudrus '919. Kudrus patent discloses a godet roll which is supported by a plurality of radially acting magnetic bearing which comprise pole windings 10 having an exciter winding 11 and a pole element 12. Each of the windings 10 is separated from the godet roll casing 1 by a gap 15. Kudrus does not teach or suggest that the magnetic bearings include a rotating part mounted to the casing and which is of laminated construction as presently claimed. This novel construction provides significant advantages over the prior art structures as noted in the paragraph beginning at page

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1, line 29 of the specification, and the novel construction would not have been suggested or rendered obvious by Kudrus or the other cited prior art.

Conclusion

The allowance of Claims 2-13 is noted with appreciation, and it is submitted that Claim 1 is now also in condition for allowance and such action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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